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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IDENTIFYING AIR
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(SBU) Regarding the request by the Government of Pakistan for assistance in identifying air assets (reftel), according to the Defense Attach's Office, the Nepal Army (NA) has two Mi-17 helicopters. However, usually only one is fully mission capable at any given time. Furthermore, the NA cannot afford to sell or lease any because this is its main workhorse airframe. A private Nepali air carrier, Shree Airlines, has five Mi-17s.
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